

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1459  
By McCord

A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry Marcum on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves during their careers and performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Larry Marcum, who has served with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency with distinction for 32 years and has recently announced that he will be taking a much-deserved retirement in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marcum, a native of Scott County, graduated from the University of Tennessee with both a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Larry Marcum has spent his career building the State's wildlife program; since joining the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency in 1974, he served as a Small Game/Private Lands Biologist and, from 1984 until 1987, as the agency's Big Game Program Coordinator and, as such, developed one of the finest data collection systems on statewide deer harvest in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, having performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, Mr. Marcum was judiciously promoted to Chief of Wildlife in January of 1987, and in that position has continued to play a vital role in the successful promotion and development of wildlife programs benefiting Tennessee's sportsmen and citizenry. He is especially proud of several successful programs, including a deer management program, several wildlife reintroductions, including the reintroduction of elk, a waterfowl management program, a wetlands acquisition program, a wild turkey program, a Lifetime Sportsman License program, an expanded non-game program, and a Wildlife Internship program; and

WHEREAS, Larry Marcum exemplifies the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud him for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizenry and specially recognize him for his manifold achievements on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Larry Marcum for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.